

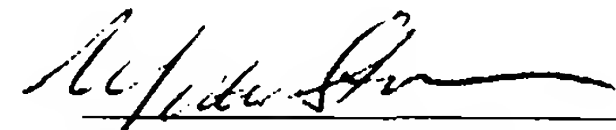
**REMARKS**

Claims 33-42 are pending and are rejected for alleged obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,096,722 ("the 722 patent").

While Applicants disagree and believe that the present claims are patentable over the cited art, solely in the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over the 722 patent.

Accordingly, claims 33-42 are now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Office to contact the undersigned to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Encl.: Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent

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